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**BY FACSIMILE**

Honorable Paul A. Crotty  
 United States District Judge  
 Southern District of New York  
 500 Pearl Street  
 New York, New York 10007

**Re: United States v. Luis Rivera, 07 Cr. 481 (PAC)**

Dear Judge Crotty:

I write on behalf of Luis Rivera to respectfully request that your Honor direct the United States Marshals Service to arrange and pay for his round-trip transportation from Chicago to New York, and overnight accommodations while in New York, in connection with his continued safety valve session with the United States Attorney's Office and his required appearance before this Court on March 13, 2008.

Mr. Rivera lives in Chicago, Illinois. At the time of his arraignment, he was found indigent by the Court, and he continues to be indigent today. Mr. Rivera is scheduled to safety valve proffer to the government on March 12, 2008, and to appear before your Honor on March 13, 2008.

In order to facilitate the safety valve proffer and the subsequent appearance, we respectfully request that your Honor direct the United States Marshals Service, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §4285, to (1) arrange and pay for Mr. Rivera's air transportation from Chicago to New York City on March 12, 2008; (2) arrange and pay for one night's hotel accommodations in New York City; and, (3) arrange and pay air transportation from New York City to Chicago on March 13, 2008, following his appearance before this Court.

*March 4, 2008*  
*The defendant's request is granted.*  
*The government, knowing that Mr. Rivera is*  
*resident of Chicago was indigent, chose to*  
*institute this proceeding in New York.*  
*Accordingly, the Government should bear the*  
*expense of the defendant's travel to and*  
*from New York, as well as his stay in New*  
*York to conduct his detention with the*  
*Government. The Government is to bear the*  
*expense so ordered.*  
*JSAS*

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I thank the Court for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Gary G. Becker

cc: Rua M. Kelly, AUSA